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DEPT PLEASE PASS MORRIS PALADINO, AAFLI-WASHINGTON,
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SUBJECT: AAFLI

QUOTE

1. RE MY TELEX FEBRUARY TWENTY-THREE, HAVE BEEN ABLE
SAMPLE DEMOCRATIC TRADE UNION MOVEMENT'S REACTION BOTH
BOMBAY AND DELHI TO ANNOUNCEMENT RESUMPTION UNITED STATES
ARMS SALES TO PAKISTAN. PREDICTABLY UNFAVORABLE, BUT
RESENTMENT IS CONCENTRATED AGAINST UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT AND TEMPERED BY CONTINUED FRIENDLY ATTITUDE
TOWARD AMERICAN PEOPLE. AFL-CIO POSITION NINETEEN
SEVENTY-ONE ON BANGLADESH CONFLICT NOW VIVIDLY RECALLED
AND HOPE IS AFL-CIO WILL ACTIVELY SUPPORT INDIAN
OPPOSITION TO RECENT ARMS SALES DECISION. MOYNIHAN'S
STATEMENT IN UNITED STATES THAT HE SEES NO REASON
SUPPORTING OUR GOVERNMENT'S DECISION WARMLY APPLAUDED
AND TIMING OF ANNOUNCEMENT RESULTING IN HIATUS IN SAXBE'S
ARRIVAL AND PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS HELD UP TO
RUDICULE.

2. AFTER FRIENDLY DISCUSSION THIS SUBJECT WITH S.R.
KULKARNI, PRESIDENT ALL INDIA PORT AND DOCK WORKERS'
FEBERATION, IN WHICH WE FOUND OURSELVES IN GENERAL
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AGREEMENT, HE DEMONSTRATED DEPTH OF HIS CONCERN BY

WRITING ME A LENGTHY LETTER WITH REQUEST THAT I BRING IT TO ATTENTION AAFLI AND AFL-CIO. IN IT, HE URGES LATTER TO USE ITS INFLUENCE ATTEMPT OBTAIN REVERSAL THIS DECISION. I WILL HAND CARRY THIS LETTER TO WASHINGTON BUT AM QUOTING EXCERPTS BELOW WHICH REFLECT DEMONCRATIC INDIAN TRADE UNION OFFICIALS' ATTITUDE TOWARD THIS ISSUE:

3. "THIS HAS REFERENCE TO THE TALKS I HAD WITH YOU PERSONALLY IN BOMBAY ON 26TH INSTANT IN CONNECTION WITH WASHINGTON'S DECISION TO RESUME ARMS SUPPLY TO PAKISTAN.

4. "DURING THE COURSE OF OUR TALKS I HAD CONVEYED TO YOU THE STRONG VIEWS OF OUR PEOPLE IN GENERAL AND THE PORT AND DOCK WORKERS IN PARTICULAR ON THIS ISSUE. THE LATEST DECISION TAKEN BY THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION TO LIFT EMBASGO ON ARMS SUPPLY TO PAKISTAN WILL HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR PEACE AND YXLOFLITY#IN THE SUB-CONTINENT AND WILL ALSO IMPAIR IN THE LONG RUN RFIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. WHATEVER MAY BE THE JUSTIFICATION GIVEN BY THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION TO LIFT EMBARGO ON ARMS SUPPLY TO PAKISTAN, THE WHOLE WORLD KNOWS THAT IT WAS PAKISTAN WHICH COMMITTED AGGRESSION AGAINST INDIAN AND USED THE AMERICAN ARMS AGAINST THE PEACE LOVING PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY.

5. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND PARTICULARLY THE LABOUR MOVEMENT IN YOUR COUNTRY IS FULLY AWARE OF THE EVENTS THAT LED TO GENOCIDE BY PAKISTAN IN GANGLE DESH IN 1971. WE RECALL WITH GRATITUDE THE ROLE PLAYED BY AFL-CIO IN DEFENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN BANGLA DESH DURING THE SAID PERIOD. BROTHER GEORGE MEANY, THE PRESIDENT OF YOUR GREAT ORGANIZATION HAD PERSONALLY DIRECTED LONGSHOREMEN IN YOUR COUNTRY NOT TO LOAD ARMS AND AMMUNITIONS ON SHIPS BOUND FOR PAKISTANI PORTS. IN RESPONSE TO THE DIRECTIVE ISSUED BY BROTHER MEANY THE LONGSHOREMEN IN PHILADELPHIA BOYCOTTED LOADING OF ARMS ON PAKISTANI SHIPS AND SIMILARLY THE LONGSHOREMEN OF THE EAST COAST AS WELL AS WEST COAST HAD PLACED TOTAL EMBARGO ON SHIPMENT OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION TO PAKISTAN.

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6. "...DURING YOUR STAY IN OUR COUNTRY YOU MUST HAVE NOTED THAT FREE AND DEMOCRATIC TRADE UNION MOVEMENT IN THIS COUNTRY IS TRYING TO DEVELOP FRIENDLY AND CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FREE AND DEMOCRATIC TRADE UNION MOVEMENT ALL OVER THE WORLD AND PARTICULARLY WITH SUCH A MOVEMENT IN YOUR COUNTRY. YOU WILL AGREE WITH ME WHEN I SAY THAT THE RECENT DECISION TAKEN BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO RESUME ARMS SUPPLY TO PAKISTAN WILL NOT BE CONDUCIVE TO STRENGTHENING BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR

TWO DEMOCRACIES. I DO NOT KNOW WHAT WILL BE THE ATTITUDE OF AFL-CIO AND AAFLI TOWARDS THIS ISSUE. I WOULD, HOWEVER, URGE UPON YOU AND THROUGH YOU TO BROTHER GEORGE MEANY AND OTHER FRIENDS IN THE AFL-CIO TO USE THEIR POWERFUL INFLUENCE OVER THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO RECONSIDER ITS DECISION IN THE MATTER OF SUPPLY OF ARMS TO PAKISTAN. I HAVE NO DOUBT IF THE ORGANISED TRADE UNION MOVEMENT IN YOUR COUNTRY AS REPRESENTED BY YOUR GREAT ORGANISATIONS MOBILIZE PUBLIC OPINION AGAINST THE LATEST DECISION OF THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE TO RETRACE THEIR STEPS WHICH ARE NEITHER IN THE INTEREST OF PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE SUB-CONTINENT NOR IN THE ULTIMATE INTEREST OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

7. "...WE ARE ALSO AWARE THAT SINCE WE ACHIEVED OUR INDEPENDENCE, INDIA HAS NEVER COMMITTED ANY AGGRESSION AGAINST PAKISTAN AND IT WAS PAKISTAN WHICH COMMITTED SEVERAL AGGRESSIONS AGAINST OUR COUNTRY DURING THE LAST TWO DECADES. WE ARE ALWAYS GRATEFUL TO OUR FRIENDS WHO CAME TO OUR RESCUE WHEN WE FACE THREATS TO OUR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. WE HAVE REPEATEDLY ACKNOWLEDGED WITH THANKS THE MASSIVE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE GIVEN BY YOUR COUNTRY TO OUR PEOPLE AND I TRUST THAT WHATEVER MAY BE THE RESENTMENT IN THE MINDS OF INDIAN PEOPLE AGAINST THE POLICY OF U.S. GOVERNMENT, THE PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY WILL ALWAYS LIKE TO MAINTAIN THEIR FRIENDSHIP WITH THE PEOPLE OF YOUR GREAT COUNTRY.

8. "I TRUST THE AFL-CIO AND AAFLI WOULD VIEW THE DECISION OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN ITS PROPER PERSPECTIVE AND PERSUADE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO GIVE UP THEIR RETROGRADE POLICY OF ARMING PAKISTAN WHICH WOULD DISTURB PEACE IN THE WORLD AND IMPAIR THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES...

9. "I SHALL BE GRATEFUL TO YOU IF YOUR WILL KINDLY CONVEY MY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VIEWS TO BROTHER MEANY AND OTHER LEADERS IN THE AFL-CIO AND AAFLI AND LET ME HAVE THEIR CONSIDERED VIEWS ON THE ISSUES RAISED BY ME IN THIS LETTER. I ALSO HOPE THAT THE AFL-CIO WILL ISSUE POLICY STATEMENT ON THIS VITAL MATTER SO AS TO CLARIFY ADEQUATELY THE POSITION OF THE AFL-CIO IN REGARD TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO SUPPLY ARMS TO PAKISTAN."

WEAST END QUOTE

10. FOR DEPT: EMBASSY COMMENTS FOLLOW SEPTTEL.

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